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Applicant: Matthew Vacek et al.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant has reviewed the Restriction Requirement mailed June 10, 2002, wherein the Examiner has requested election of one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a bat, classified in class 473, subclass 567; and
- II. Claims 9-16, drawn to a method of making a bat, classified in class 473, subclass 567.

Applicant provisionally elects, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-8).

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the number given below if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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